target date is now as under:—

i. Rail-cum-Road bridge including line from Jogighopa to Goalpara — 31-10-96

ii. Goalpara to Dudhnoi — 31-10-96

iii. Dudhnoi to Kamakhya — 31-12-97

(c) The work is not being neglected. It is being given priority. However, there has been some delay due to constraint of resources and for the reasons detailed in part (b) above.

Compensation to the persons displaced due to Konkan Railway Project

1063. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation has been paid to the persons displaced due to Konkan rail project, if so, the amount paid and the number of persons paid compensation;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when they will be paid compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The compensation is being paid to the persons displaced due to Konkan Railway Project. The amount paid up till now is approx. Rs.103 crores to about 39000 persons.

(b) and (c) The Compensation is being paid to the affected persons as per the land acquisition procedure by the Revenue Department of state Governments. The State Government have been urged to expedite the payment.

Utilisation of Assistance for Rural Development

1064. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have not fully utilised financial assistance for rural development in 1994-95; and

(b) the corrective steps proposed for proper and full utilisation of financial assistance for 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT): Shri Uttam Bhai H. Patel: (a) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) are the major rural development prorgramme being implemented in various States by the Central Government. A Statement showing the percentage utilisation of assistance by various States under these programmes is enclosed (*See* below). From the statement, it may be seen that some States/UTs. have relatively low utilisation.

(b) In order to ensure proper utilisation for assistance necesary guidelines are issued from time to time and corrective measures are taken for their full utilisation. For instance under JRY, second instalment is with-held till 50% of the total available funds are utilised by a State. In case of IRDP quarterly budgeting is done to improve the utilisation position of assistance. Similary, under ARWSP, review meetings are taken with States/UTs to ensure that allocated funds are properly and fully utilised. Besides, monitoring of physical & financial progress of various schemes is also done through monthly/ quarterly progress reports as well as through inspections under Area Officers Scheme.